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Subpart C—Public Notice

§ 25.31 General provisions.

Whenever a particular public access, use or recreational activity of any type whatsoever, not otherwise expressly permitted under this subchapter, is permitted on a national wildlife refuge or where public access, use, or recreational or other activities previously permitted are curtailed, the public may be notified by any of the following methods, all of which supplement this subchapter C:

(a) Official signs posted conspicuously at appropriate intervals and locations;

(b) Special regulations issued under the provisions of § 26.33 of this subchapter C.

(c) Maps available in the office of the refuge manager, regional director, or area director, or

(d) Other appropriate methods which will give the public actual or constructive notice of the permitted or curtailed public access, use, or recreational activity.

Subpart D—Permits

§ 25.41 General provisions.

Permits required by this subchapter C can be obtained from the administrative office responsible for the refuge where the activity is to take place. If the applicant is required to obtain the applicable permit from the Director or Secretary, the refuge manager will so inform the applicant, giving the applicant all the necessary information as to how and where to apply.

§ 25.42 Permits required to be exhibited on request.

Any person on a national wildlife refuge shall upon request by any authorized official exhibit the required Federal or State permit or license authorizing their presence and activity on the

area and shall furnish such other information for identification purposes as may be requested.

§ 25.43 Revocation of permits.

A permit may be terminated or revoked at any time for noncompliance with the terms thereof or of the regulations in this subchapter C, for nonuse, for violation of any law, regulation or order applicable to the refuge, or to protect public health or safety or the resources of a national wildlife refuge.

§ 25.44 Easement area permits.

(a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the regulation of activities that affect easement interests acquired by the United States. All other provisions of subchapter C shall apply to activities within such easement areas, but only to the extent that those provisions are directly or indirectly related to the protection of those easement interests expressly acquired by the United States which are specified in the easement agreement itself, and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection.

(b) Permits for use of easement areas administered by the Service are required where proposed activities may affect the property interest acquired by the United States. Applications for permits will be submitted in writing to the regional director or a designee. Special use permits may be granted to owners of servient estates, or to third parties with the owner's agreement, by the regional director or a designee, upon written determination that such permitted use is compatible with the purposes for which the easement was acquired. If it is ultimately determined that the requested use will not affect the United States' interest, the regional director will issue a letter of non-objection.

(c) In instances where the third applicant is a governmental entity which has acquired a partial interest in the servient estate by subsequent condemnation, a special use permit may be granted to the governmental entity without the servient estate owner's agreement if the regional director or his or her designee determines: